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Tippecanoe County Surveyor receives statewide award

SWITZERLAND COUNTY (Sept. 8, 2016) — The Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM) announced Thursday that Zachariah E. Beasley, the Tippecanoe County Surveyor, won the Outstanding Floodplain Project award for the John Saltsman Regulated Drain: 2-stage ditch project.

Established in 1998, this award recognizes an outstanding floodplain project studied, designed, or constructed by a firm for a local unit of government or a private entity. This award may be bestowed annually upon both the "representing firm" and the "project owner".

The Tippecanoe County Surveyor was recognized for his multifaceted approach in addressing erosion, sediment, and water quality issues on Wildcat Creek by incorporating a two-stage ditch design. This project has reduced stream velocities and turbidity by 50 percent, annual sediment load by 70 tons or more, and increased Nitrogen removal by seven times the previous amount.

INAFSM presented the award during its Annual Conference, the state's largest gathering of floodplain and stormwater professionals. The three-day conference included an array of workshops and breakout sessions designed specifically for these individuals. Officials met in Switzerland County along with representatives from public agencies and private entities. Conference topics addressed a variety of issues concerning local governments and residents throughout the state, including: innovative techniques for handling stormwater quantity and flooding as well as improving overall stormwater quality.

For more information about INAFSM or the Annual Conference, please contact Rodney Renkenberger, INAFSM Awards Chair, at rodr@mrbc.org or Karen Avery, INAFSM Executive Director, at kavery@inafsm.net.

About the INAFSM: *The Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM) is a nonprofit organization established in 1996 by professionals interested in and responsible for floodplain and stormwater management in the State of Indiana. INAFSM members include federal, state, and local agency staff, engineers, consultants, planners, elected officials, members of academia, students, and floodplain residents. INAFSM serves professionals by providing educational opportunities and advocating for responsible floodplain and stormwater management.*

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